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Re: Inappropriate Use of the Trademark WIRE-NUT

Dear Mr. Barton:

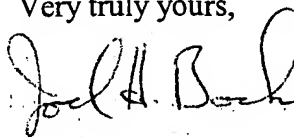
We are writing to you on behalf of our client, IDEAL Industries, Inc., with respect to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/047,712. A copy of the cover sheet of the published application is attached for your reference.

This application includes an inappropriate use of IDEAL's trademark WIRE-NUT. In at least paragraph 6 of this application the term "wire nut" is improperly used as a generic term for a twist-on wire connector. Apparently you are unaware that WIRE-NUT has long been a registered trademark of IDEAL Industries, Inc. for twist-on wire connectors. See U.S. Registration No. 706,232.

We request that you correct this improper use of IDEAL's trademark while the application is still pending. This can readily be done by replacing the phrase "wire nut" with the generic term "twist-on wire connector". Please confirm that this corrective action has been or will be taken.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Joel H. Bock

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